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CURRENT COMMENT

The republican press bureau at Lincoln is now putting out some very extravagant claims of accomplishments for the Aldrich administration. It claims credit for the safety appliance law. That law was enacted by a democratic legislature and was pushed through by the Nebraska Federation of Labor without so much as a word of encouragement from Aldrich. It claims credit for inaugurating systematic advertising of Nebraska' resources. That system was inaugurated under Governor Shallenberger, and subsequent publicity has been but a rehash of former matter. It claims credit for inaugurating systematic hotel inspection. That inspection was provided by a democratic legislature and begun by a former administration. It claims credit for erecting fire escapes. The first prosecutions in twenty years for failure to comply with the fire-escape law were instituted under Governor Shallenberger's administration, and the fire escape law amended by a democratic legislature so as to make it possible to compel the erection of fire escapes. The Aldrich administration has done nothing but pose and make extravagant claims.

Chester H. Aldrich accuses John H. Morehead of opposing the initiative and referendum. Morehead was advocating that reform when Aldrich was denouncing it as a "democratic scheme of which republicans should beware." As a state senator Aldrich spoke and voted against county option, which he afterwards espoused because it looked like a good campaign card. As a state senator Morehead stood between Aldrich and an attempt to violate the constitution by securing an appropriation to pay the grocery and meat bills of the executive mansion.

Never in the history of Nebraska has every elective office been held by democrats. Now is a good time to break the precedent. Nebraska has had a number of democratic state officials, but never one who betrayed his trust. The republican party can make no such claim. With only three anti-republican legislatures in the state's history, those three put more reform legislation upon the statute books than all the republican legislatures. Nebraska has had but one democratic governor in twenty years. He presided during a democratic legislature and signed more reform legislative bills than any republican governor in the history of the state.

John H. Morehead is running for governor on the record of what he has done. Aldrich is running on the record of what he promises to do.

As the campaign nears its conclusion it becomes clearer that this is democracy's year in the state and nation. It is admitted on every hand that Nebraska will go democratic from president to legislature. The effort to deceive the people into believing that the republican party is responsible for all the progressive legislation secured in Nebraska has proved a dismal failure. The people know better, and they are going to take no chances by defeating the party really responsible.

Chester H. Aldrich, who seeks to make political capital out of the county option fight never mentions in his public speeches that while a member of the state senate he not only spoke against county option but voted against a county option bill. Charging Mr. Morehead with seeking to hamstring the initiative and referendum, he forgets to mention the fact that less than three years ago he denounced the initiative and referendum as a "democratic scheme" and warned his republican colleagues to beware of it.

Clarence Harman, democratic candidate for railway commissioner, was born in Franklin county, Nebraska, and has spent all of his life so far in the state. He is a traveling man, therefore well acquainted with the needs of the people. Mr. Harman represents the people who pay the freight and passenger bills.

It was not a republican legislature that gave Nebraska the Australian ballot. The first freight rate reduction law passed in Nebraska was not passed by a republican legislature. The first freight rate reduction bill killed by the legislative action was not killed by a democratic legislature. The first tax reform law in Nebraska was not enacted by a republican legislature. It was not a republican legislature that gave the state the first liquor law reform in a generation. It was not under a democratic administration that arms, ammunition and dynamite were smuggled into the state prison, resulting in a prison delivery, the killing of seven men and the piling of a heavy burden of expense upon the shoulders of the taxpayers. The 2-cent passenger fare law was never endorsed by a republican convention, was opposed by a republican governor, and was forced through the legislature by a democratic minority. The so-called "Aldrich law," reducing freight and express rates originated in the brain of a democratic senator and was defeated by a republican legislature, only to be passed two years later because the republican legislature had heard from the people.

A. C. Shallenberger, democratic candidate for United States senator, served a term in congress and a term as governor. It has never been charged, nor even hinted, that he ever held office tainted with fraud.

Governor Aldrich has spent more time away from his duties than any other governor Nebraska ever had. John H. Morehead pledges himself to attend strictly to the duties of his office and leave the Chautauqua platform and the pulpit to others. He further pledges himself to conduct the business of the state along the same lines that he has followed during a successful business career covering a period of a quarter of a century. Nebraska is sadly in need of a business administration.

If elected governor John H. Morehead will appoint a warden of the penitentiary and submit the appointment to the senate for ratification.

A democratic legislature passed a bill regulating stock yards. A republican governor vetoed it.

R. V. Clark, democratic candidate for superintendent of schools, knows more about educational work than he does about "practical politics." That's a mighty good reason for voting for Clark.

In his campaign speeches Aldrich endeavors to leave the impression that his opponent, Senator Morehead, opposed the reform measures enacted by the legislature of 1907. He even goes to the length of trying to make voters believe that Morehead voted against them. When confronted by the fact that Morehead was not a member of the 1907 legislature, nor of any other save that of 1911, Aldrich hedges and says: "I meant that if he had been in the legislature then he would have opposed those measures." All of which is one more sample of the Aldrich methods of campaigning.

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